

Prayer of the Breton Fisherman

English Prayer

Jack Miffleton

(♩ = ca. 130)

Em B7 C

D7 G [G] Em

G Em Am6 B7/F# B7

Em B7 Am Em C6 Am

Dear God, be good to me. Dear God, good to me. So small is my boat; so feeble is the sail dear God, be good to

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SOLO INSTRUMENT

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The musical score is written for a solo instrument in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as (♩ = ca. 130). The melody is simple and melodic. The second staff features a triplet of eighth notes. The third staff has a measure with a fermata over a dotted half note. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

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Composer Notes

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I first heard this short prayer as a college student during a tour of the White House when John F. Kennedy (1917–1963) was president. Our guide recited the prayer and told us that it was inscribed on a plaque that sat on the president's desk in the Oval Office. Here it is presented as a traditional prayer for young children, but it was also loved and prayed by the thirty-fifth president of the United States.

Assembly Edition

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